



Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives

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Call for Presentations 2007 Governor's Conference on Service & Volunteerism:

The Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives is seeking proposals for workshop sessions at the **2007 Governor's Conference on Service and Volunteerism!** Proposals are due September 29th.

2007 Conference At-A-Glance:

Dates: March 12-13, 2007

Location: Indianapolis Marriott Downtown

Theme: *Service and Volunteering at the Crossroads*

Description: In the 1930's Indiana became known as The Crossroads of America, as the new national roads converged from all directions, meeting the transportation needs of the country. Today, Indiana is still the Crossroads of America in developing new and innovative ways of meeting the needs of our most vulnerable citizens, including at-risk youth, persons living in poverty, victims of domestic violence, and others.

However, recent studies indicate that many of the organizations in Indiana addressing these needs – including faith-based and community-based organizations, schools, congregations, and other nonprofits – face significant challenges in several key areas. Organizations communicated several challenges, including the need to 1) attract new clients, 2) become more effective at strategic planning, 3) enhance their visibility and reputation, 4) learn more about evaluating program outcomes, delivering high-quality programming and recruiting and managing volunteers, and 5) locate and leverage funding and other resources.

The purpose of the 2007 Governor's Conference on Service and Volunteerism is to bring together Indiana's volunteers, faith-based and community organizations, national service members, service-learning participants, and the organizations that represent them *at the Crossroads* to recognize outstanding accomplishments, share best practices, identify solutions, and to challenge them to excellence in moving forward.

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Workshop**Length:** 50 Minute Sessions (Limited Double Sessions of 100 Minutes)**Tracks:** ***Mobilizing More Volunteers:***

Since 2002, nearly six million more Americans are volunteering in their communities to help meet critical needs, including responding to and preparing communities for disasters. In an effort to continue that upward trend, we are committed to supporting faith and community-based nonprofit organizations as they develop the capacity to recruit and manage additional volunteers. Topics within this track will help organizations work towards this end.

Audience: faith and community-based nonprofit organizations of any size and organizations that recruit and manage volunteers.

Ensuring a Brighter Future for All of America's Youth:

While all children and youth can benefit from additional support, youth who grow up in severely distressed communities are more likely to be at risk of school failure, unemployment, criminal behavior, and persistent poverty. Topics within this track will address solutions to this problem, including engaging caring adults as mentors and providing more opportunities for youth engagement.

Audience: youth-serving organizations, including congregations, youth service bureaus, community centers, and government agencies.

Engaging Students in Communities through Service-Learning:

Educational institutions play a key role in guiding students toward responsible citizenship. Sessions within this track are intended to assist educational institutions and community-based organizations in increasing volunteer and service-learning opportunities for youth.

Audience: service-learning coordinators, teachers, and community-based organizations seeking to partner with service-learning programs.

Harnessing Baby Boomers' Experience:

Baby Boomers are a highly talented and highly motivated group that can help solve some of our most challenging social problems, including helping seniors live independently. This track will address issues related to capturing the talents, skills, energy, and experience of Baby Boomers and older Hoosiers to meet local needs.

Audience: faith and community-based nonprofit organizations of any size and organizations that recruit and manage volunteers.

Addressing Local Needs through National Service:

The mission of the Corporation for National and Community Service is to improve lives, strengthen communities, and foster civic engagement through service and volunteering. National Service members and program staff attending these sessions will learn skills and strategies to assist them in meeting their National Service goals through cross-stream collaboration, effective training, and sharing best practices.

Audience: AmeriCorps, Senior Corps, and Learn and Serve members and program staff.

Empowering Faith-Based and Community Organizations:

Faith-based and community organizations (FBCOs) have a long tradition of helping Hoosiers in need and together represent an integral part of our state's social service network. This track will focus on the unique challenges faced by FBCOs and solutions to these challenges. This year's focus area will be on the re-integration of prisoners into society.

Audience: faith and community-based nonprofit organizations of any size.

Training Indiana's Next Generation of Philanthropists:

Indiana's young people have the desire, energy and ability to make a real difference in their communities. This track will provide opportunities for youth leaders to learn how to make a difference in their communities, from identifying needs to raising funds, from partnering with local agencies to developing leadership skills.

Audience: Youth and young adults, ages 10-21, who want to become more engaged in service.

Building Organizational Capacity:

Over 60,000 nonprofit organizations are working every day to make Indiana a better place to live and work. However, many have trouble meeting the high performance expectations that accompany government and foundation grants. The goal of this track is to equip attendees with the tools necessary to successfully operate efficient and effective programs. Attendees will receive instruction in the legal, financial, managerial, and reporting requirements that are mandatory for any successful grant-funded program.

Audience: small to medium-sized nonprofit organizations seeking to expand their capacities to serve.

Guidelines for Submitting Proposals:

1. Proposals should include the following information:
 - A. Name of presenter, Contact Information
 - B. Title of presentation
 - C. Summary of the presentation (no more than 250 words)
 - D. Target audience
 - E. At least two specific learning outcomes
 - F. How this presentation fits with the objectives of the conference
 - G. How many times and where you have given this presentation previously
 - H. Difficulty of content (Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced)
2. Presenters should plan on 50-minute time sessions for a maximum of 100 participants.
3. Room setup is theater style, unless otherwise requested.
4. Proposals will be selected by the conference planning committee. Selection criteria include originality, creativity, interactivity, appropriateness, and interest.
5. **Deadline for submitting proposals is 5:00 p.m. on September 29, 2006. Proposals will be accepted via US mail, overnight mail, email, fax or walk-in.**
6. Presenters will be chosen by November 1, 2006 and notified by November 6, 2006.
7. All presenters will receive a discounted presenter registration rate, which includes breakfast and lunch both days.

Please submit all proposals to

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